

# AUBURN'S *Fast*NEWS

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Welcome to your online recap of City actions and vital stories for folks who care about Auburn. Found twice monthly at the corner of City Hall and your smartphone, tablet or computer.

## February Calendar

City Hall Closed  
Presidents Day  
18th

Chamber Forum Meeting  
19th @ 7am

Planning Commission &  
Historic Design Review  
19th @ 6pm

City Council Meeting  
25th @ 6pm

Chamber Forum Meeting  
26th @ 7am

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**F<sub>N</sub>** The \$8,000,000 bond issuance used for the renovation of Auburn's sewer plant was reviewed this month by Standard and Poor's rating services. After completing the review of the City's budget and audit documents, the bonds were upgraded to AA "due to the City's very strong financial position"—a positive reflection of confidence in our creditworthiness.

**F<sub>N</sub>** Hit hard during the economic downturn, Auburn's construction industry is showing signs of strengthening as indicated by the value of construction improvements permitted during the month of January over the past three years:

January 2013	\$1,239,119 (12% increase)
January 2012	\$1,109,186 (49% increase)
January 2011	\$744,476

**F<sub>N</sub>** This month, the City Council approved a draft "Transparency in Labor Negotiations" policy designed to give the public a better understanding of the collective bargaining process. The policy will be reviewed by all bargaining units prior to final Council approval, and will allow citizens to see initial requests of both the City and each bargaining unit made at the start of the negotiations process along with a fiscal analysis. Once a tentative agreement has been reached by both parties, it will be published two weeks prior to City Council consideration for approval with an updated financial review.

**F<sub>N</sub>** Update on roads & runways: The Dairy Road Overlay Project is complete, bringing storm drain improvements, handicap ramp installation and a two inch overlay on Dairy Road from Auburn Ravine to Luther Road. The sign, lighting and marking project at the Auburn Airport recently awarded to Royal Electric began this week and is anticipated to be completed by March 2013. Staff is preparing bid documents for an Overlay Project in East Auburn area scheduled for a summer 2013 completion.

**F<sub>N</sub>** Prison realignment (often referred to by the authorizing legislation as "AB109") is having a significant impact on local jurisdictions throughout the state. How is this affecting Auburn? While crime rates have not spiked, bed space at Placer County Jail is being rationed. However, the City's participation in a regional task force that is successfully dealing with AB 109 issues is gaining statewide attention.

**F<sub>N</sub>** Don't forget about free curbside pickup for your kitchen fats, oils and greases (FOG) and electronic waste once a month! Call Recology at (530) 885-3735 for details and your scheduled collection date.

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**FN** On March 7, the APD will be launching the fourth Citizens Awareness Academy (CAA), a free, 10-week program that begins each spring. Interested residents and business owners will learn about municipal policing, 9-1-1 communications, animal control, and interacting with other law enforcement agencies. To register for the CAA, call 823-4237 #202, or email us at [APDVolunteer@auburn.ca.gov](mailto:APDVolunteer@auburn.ca.gov).

**FN** Kudos! Auburn's Waste Water Treatment Plant was named "Plant of the Year" by the California Water Environment Association for plant efficiency and environmental compliance, winning out over eleven other plants in the Sacramento region.

**FN** We're taking care of streets & parts you don't usually see: Throughout the year, our Public Works maintenance crew completes a wide range of cleaning and repair duties, but also focuses efforts on one major project at a time. The crew is currently trimming trees and brushes along roadways and stream channels throughout town. We continue to review the City's sewer mainlines and replace aging infrastructure such as mainlines being replaced now along Chamberlain Avenue, Reamer Street and the Electric Street area.

**FN** Over the last few years, the Auburn Police Department (APD) has made a dedicated and conscientious effort to meet the demands of the changing law enforcement profession by maximizing the use of volunteers, training on a wide variety of issues, and teaching that leadership "begins where you are standing."

**FN** Support healthy habits and clean air: Apply for the "Bucks for Bikes" program and you may receive up to \$200 towards a new commuter bike. To apply, you must be 18 years of age or older, employed or attend school in Placer County, willing to commute to work or school by bike, and willing to attend a free cycling clinic. For more information, visit [www.pctpa.net](http://www.pctpa.net).

Coming soon

**FN** Two new community gardens are currently underway for future uses. Opening this spring, the first garden is located behind City Hall in the School Park Preserve. The second will be located in the upcoming Veterans Park being planned next to Wave Communications on Lincoln Way.

**FN** Later this year, the City Council will consider a new design for the East Placer Park located at the corner of East Placer and High Streets. The project is envisioned as a community effort and will give this important corner a much needed face-lift!